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**Preliminary Pay and Subsistence Estimates for 1956 and 1957**

1. The attached table was prepared to satisfy your request for a preliminary statement of estimated Soviet military pay and subsistence (i.e., food, clothing and miscellaneous direct personnel support) for 1956 and 1957 in current rubles.

2. You will note that the table provides the data in 1955 rubles. To my knowledge there has been no appreciable price change which has affected the commodities represented in the table. Accordingly, it seems reasonable to regard the data as simultaneously representing current rubles as well as 1955 rubles.

3. As I indicated in our conversation, there will probably be some of the usual difficulty involved in attempting to document these data beyond the level of detail used in the 1955 account paper.

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Table 1

**PRELIMINARY PAY AND SUBSISTENCE ESTIMATES  
1956 and 1957**

(Billions 1955 Rubles)

	<u>Number of Persons</u> (millions)	<u>Pay</u>	<u>Subsistence</u>
<u>1956</u>			
Uniformed Regulars	4.6	24.3	19.3
Civilians	0.9	4.0	0
Retirees	0.2	3.0	0
Militarized MVD-KGB	0.5	5.4	2.3
Reservists	N.A.	2.4	1.6
<u>1957</u>			
Uniformed Regulars	4.5	23.7	18.0
Civilians	0.5	4.0	0
Retirees	0.2	3.2	0
Militarized MVD-KGB	0.5	5.4	2.3
Reservists	N.A.	2.6	1.7

N.A. - Not Applicable.

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